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For: POLYURETHANES OBTAINED FROM HYDROXYALKANOATES AND ISOCYANATES

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 24, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated March 24, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before September 24, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.